

Existing Wisconsin organizations to consider for governance of a statewide health information exchange
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<p>Madison Patient Safety Collaborative – serving as organizer of a Madison area RHIO</p> <p>Kendra Jacobsen, Administrator</p> <p>Carl Getto, Chairperson</p> <p>www.madisonpatientsafety.org/</p>			
<p>MetaStar</p> <p>Greg Simmons, President and CEO</p> <p>www.metastar.com</p>	<p>A nonprofit health care Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) based in Madison, Wisconsin that is focused on creating a health care system that is safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable. On behalf of the national DHHS the organization recently</p>		

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	<p>prepared an assessment of the rate of adoption of health IT by Wisconsin providers and is leading the DOQ-IT project on behalf of Medicare in Wisconsin to assist small and medium physician office practices with establishing the business case for EHR systems.</p> <p>MetaStar also leads the 100,000 lives campaign in Wisconsin – a national initiative launched in 2004 by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement with the goal of saving 100,000 lives among patients in hospitals through improvements in the safety and effectiveness of care.</p>		
<p>RHIO development in NW Wisconsin</p> <p>Duane O. Laabs Director of MIS St. Croix Regional Medical Center 715-483-0264 e mail Duane.Laabs@scrmc.org</p>			
Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative	A nonprofit cooperative owned and operated by twenty-nine rural acute,		

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<p>Tim Size, Executive Director</p> <p>Louis Wenzel, Director of Health IT</p> <p>ww.rwhc.org</p>	<p>general medical-surgical hospitals – its members are actively working on health information initiatives including providing a shared infrastructure for their members, a technology management program, and organizing a shared electronic health record task force to determine the feasibility of collaborating on a common integrated hospital information system. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality awarded a planning grant to the organization in October 2004 to begin work on behalf of a collaborative of 19 healthcare organizations, both rural and urban, to improve the quality of care and efficiency of service delivery by leveraging health information technology.</p>		
<p>Safe Care Wisconsin: Partners for Advancing Health Care Safety</p> <p>Angie Biersack, Business Development Associate, MetaStar</p>	<p>A statewide organization focused on patient safety that is staffed and supported by the Wisconsin Quality Improvement Organization, MetaStar. The mission is to facilitate the development of partnerships to promote the safest health care in Wisconsin. The organization is now planning their first initiative – to educate consumers about medication reconciliation and the importance of an accurate medication list</p>		
<p>WHIE - the Wisconsin Health</p>	<p>To establish the organization as a regional health information organization serving</p>	<p>DHFS/DPH is providing \$110,000 to help develop their governance structure,</p>	<p>WHIE has been selected as the vendor to manage the WHA proposed system to</p>

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<p>Information Exchange, Jim Wrocklage is the part time Director James Wrocklage, Chair whie.imedi.org</p>	<p>health care providers and public health in SE Wisconsin</p> <p>A membership organization of healthcare entities designed to create, govern and continuously improve regional exchange of health information. The organization received a \$100,000 grant for start-up costs from the national Connecting Communities for Better Health. Their initial focus is on high-value information identified by their members: patient medications and vaccinations, allergies, diagnoses and problem lists, identities of other professionals working with the patients and diagnostic test results. The organization has adopted interim by-laws and membership fees for 2006, elected their first Board of Directors and made application to the IRS to establish itself as a nonprofit organization.</p>	<p>support part-time administrative staff and to develop a work plan for implementation of a pilot regional patient encounter index linked to a state surveillance system.</p>	<p>provide a patient query to ERs, train users and provide technical support (elaborate)</p> <p>WHIE also has other projects that it wants to pursue</p>
<p>WHIO – the Wisconsin Health Information Organization</p> <p>Chairman of the Board is John Toussaint</p> <p>Executive Director</p>	<p>A not for profit incorporated in 2005 by private sector health care leaders. Members will pool data to create a robust data repository to be used for quality improvement, public reporting and public health purposes A nonprofit organization established in August 2005 to create the state’s largest warehouse of information on the cost and outcome of health care provided by hospitals and doctors. This is</p>	<p>With the passage of state legislation in March 2006, , DHFS and ETF Secretaries have joined the Board of Directors and will provide some financial support to o serve on the board on directors and provide funding</p> <p>WHIO issued a RFI in the spring of 2006 and received 18 responses from vendors about how they would build a data</p>	<p>Here is a link to a recent article in the Commonwealth Funds State Health Policy report about Wisconsin and this initiative http://www.cmf.org/topics/topics.htm?trib_id=12020</p> <p>WHIO is developing a RFP to select a vendor to build a data repository. The RFP will be released Fall 2006 and the</p>

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to be hired soon	a voluntary partnership - founding organizations are Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin, Greater Milwaukee Business Foundation on Health, Humana, the Alliance, United Healthcare of Wisconsin, WEA Trust, WPS Health Insurance, Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality and the Wisconsin Medical Society. Health information from the member organizations will be aggregated, analyzed and reported to help members improve their services, for public reporting and to support purchasing for value. Legislation introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature in January 2006 with bipartisan support authorizes the Departments of Employer Trust Funds and Health and Family Services to contract with this data organization to collect, analyze and publicly report certain health care claims information from insurers and administrators and to develop and maintain a central data repository. The purpose is to improve the information about healthcare quality and cost that is available to providers of care, to purchasers of care and to consumers. This contract will be established in the spring of 2006.	repository	intent is to have this in operation in 2007 Eventually Medicaid and Medicare data will be part of this data repository. WHIO could be the source for information for a statewide ER query system
Wisconsin Collaborative for	A nonprofit organization established in 2003 to promote healthcare quality		

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Healthcare Quality	<p>improvement. There are now 25 member organizations representing multi-specialty physician groups, hospitals, health plans, employers and labor organizations from geographically diverse areas of the state. The Collaborative has published two Performance & Progress Reports which include quality and cost data using measures based on the Institute of Medicine's Six Aims for Improvement and is recognized as a national leader in establishing Pay for Performance programs.</p> <p>In March 2006 the national Ambulatory Quality Care Alliance announced six sites, including the Collaborative for a pilot project that will for the first time combine public and private information to measure and report on physician practice in a meaningful and transparent way for consumers and purchasers of health care. This project is supported by funding from AHRQ and CMS.</p> <p>The Collaborative is co-sponsoring a Conference on Efficiency in Health Care with AHRQ in Madison May 23 – 24, 2006. The focus is on efficiency in health care: What does it mean, how is it measured and how can it be used for</p>		

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	value-based purchasing.		